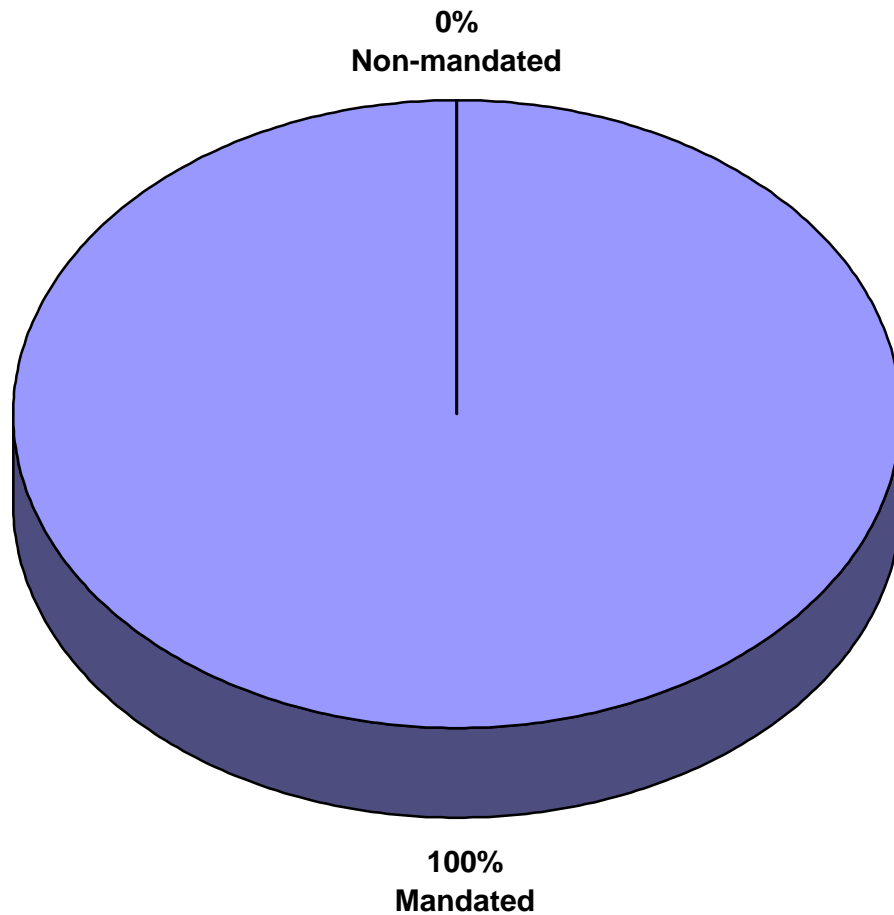


VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY (074)



VETERANS

2005 MANDATED/NON-MANDATED

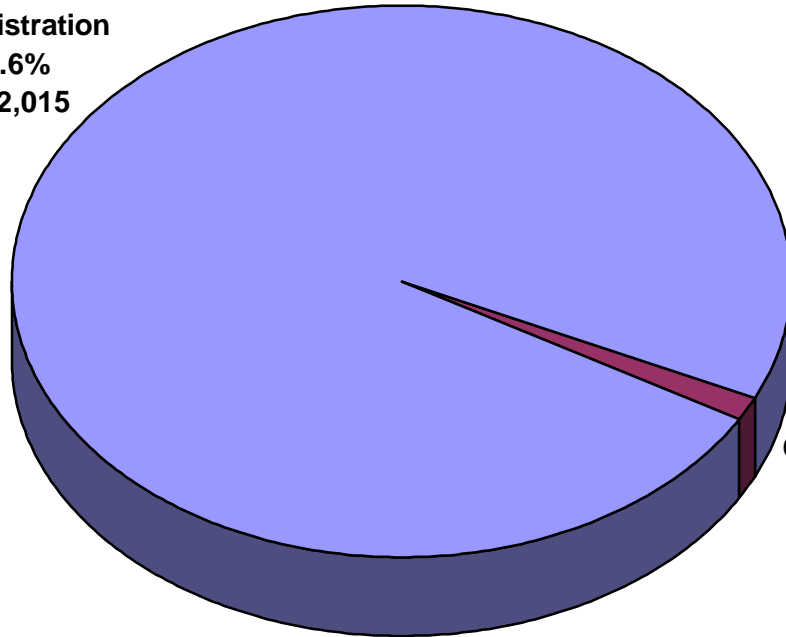


The Veterans Service Agency is a mandated department as outlined by New York State guidelines.

VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

2005 Budget - \$367,157

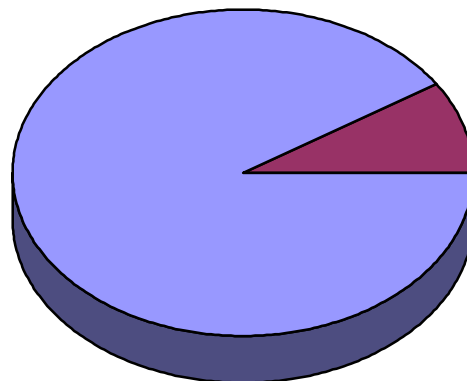
Administration
98.6%
\$362,015



Contract Services
& Supplies
1.4%
\$5,142

Net County Support

Net County
Support
90.9%
\$333,717



Attributable
Revenue
9.1%
\$33,440

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DEPARTMENT: Veterans Service Agency (074)

DEPARTMENT DESCRIPTION

The County Veterans Service Agency counsels and assists veterans and their dependents in areas such as pension and compensation, health and medical, rehabilitation, educational and life insurance services. The agency advocates on behalf of all Monroe County veterans to ensure they receive the maximum benefits to which they are entitled under federal, state and local law. Service Officers actively assist veterans in pursuing claims for burial benefits, disability compensation, pension benefits, real property tax exemptions and other benefits. Presentations to veterans organizations and civic groups keep veterans informed of agency functions and new laws affecting their benefits. Agency staff assist with activities associated with memorial decorations and services honoring veterans.

Service Officers are certified by the Department of Veterans Affairs as Accredited Representatives in accordance with USC Title 38.

Mission

The Monroe County Veterans Service Agency advocates on behalf of all Monroe County veterans and their eligible dependents to ensure that they have the opportunity to apply for and receive maximum entitlements under federal, state and local law.

2004 Major Accomplishments

- Formed a partnership with Monroe County Human Services and US Department of Veterans Affairs to identify individuals currently on or who are applying for Public Welfare roles and may be eligible for VA Healthcare services or benefits
- All County Veterans Service Officers completed US Department of Veterans Affairs training

2005 Major Objectives

- Establish a schedule of benefits outreach in partnership with the US Department of Veterans Affairs
- Improve public knowledge of services provided by the Veterans Service Agency (VSA) through an increase in the number of public presentations to adult living and nursing home facilities

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Amended Budget 2004	Budget 2005
<u>Appropriations</u>		
Personal Services	262,406	217,944
Expenses	13,921	2,942
Supplies and Materials	4,270	2,200
Employee Benefits	99,911	89,225
Interfund Transfers	58,050	54,846
Total	438,558	367,157
<u>Revenue</u>		
State Aid	21,500	27,440
Other	6,900	6,000
Total	28,400	33,440
<u>Net County Support</u>	410,158	333,717

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

***Expenses** reflects a decrease in telephone and postage which are now budgeted in Information Services and Department of Human Services respectively. **Personal Services** and **Benefits** decreases due to cost reduction strategies.*

Performance Measures

	Actual 2003	Est. 2004	Est. 2005
Personal Contacts:			
VA Burial Benefits	9,880	9,900	9,900
Disability Compensation	4,940	5,000	5,000
Pensions	4,280	4,300	4,300